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RE: DOCKET NUMBER: 98P-0151/CP1

To the FDA:

Please support creation and enforcement of laws to protect livestock unable to walk. The following are some of my concerns. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. Some downed animals may have a form of Mad Cow Disease. They can't be moved humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - horribly cruel.

As much as 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place, thus improving treatment of these animals.

Sincerely,

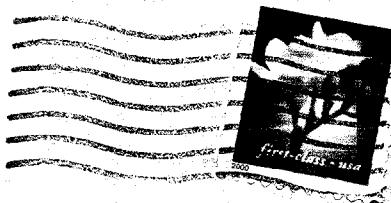


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